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1. MOORE AND MACKEY OF BELL HELICOPTER'S INTERNATIONAL DIVISION (FORT WORTH) RECENTLY INFORMED ARP THAT MACKEY INTENDS TO LEAVE FOR BAHRAIN AUGUST 22 IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF BDF IS STILL INTERESTED IN PURCHASING AGUSTA BELL 212 CIVILIAN MODELS. MOORE SAID THAT IN SPITE OF RUMORS TO CONTRARY, HE FEARED THAT BDF WAS LOSING INTEREST IN ITS PRIOR REQUEST FOR 10 - 12 (A SQUADRON) OF 212'S. MACKEY SAID THAT HE HOPED TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR CLUVERIUS WHILE IN BAHRAIN, AND PROMISED TO REPORT RESULTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BDF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. DURING CONVERSATION, MOORE NOTED THAT BOX SCORE OF BELL 212'S IN GULF IS 19: 13 IN ABU DHABI, 3 IN SHARJA, AND 3 IN OMAN (ROYAL FLIGHT). THOSE IN ABU DHABI HAD BEEN DELIVERED DIRECTLY FROM FORT WORTH, WITH AGUSTA PERMISSION. ONE OF OMAN'S 212'S WAS REPLACED FOLLOWING CRASH WITH MODEL FROM FORT WORTH. MOORE ALSO SAID THAT DUBAI DEFENSE FORCES

HAVE TWO BELL 05'S AND TWO 06'S, AND THAT OMAN HAS TWO 06'S. CHRISTOPHER

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